

# Weekly Highlights

23 June 2020



## Coronavirus Update in India

CONFIRMED CASES	441,051
ACTIVE CASES	178,713
CURED	248,270
DEATHS	14,017

Data as of 23 June, 12 pm IST

The number of positive cases jumped by nearly 50,000 cases from 16 June to 23 June, while the number of deaths and recovered patients has increased by more than 4,000 and 90,000 respectively in the same period.

[Maharashtra still has the highest number of coronavirus cases in India with 135,796 positive cases.](#)

## US and European Groups Uneasy at Indian Labour Law Plans

US and European groups are uneasy at Indian labour law plans and have written to the Indian Prime Minister urging him to reject proposals to relax or suspend some of the related social and welfare laws.

## CBIC Unveilings Paperless Customs Export Processing

[The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs \(CBIC\) has launched paperless customs export processing.](#) The initiative seeks to promote Ease of Doing Business and facilitate greater trade. The process uses a secure QR code enabled PDF LEO (Let Export Order).

## Banks Lowered Lending Rates and Deposit Rates

[Banks have reduced the lending and deposit rates in India as they turn more risk-averse as deposits have increased by 11.3%.](#)

## India Plans Tariffs on 300 Imported Products

[India plans to raise import duties on around 300 products from China and other countries](#) to protect domestic businesses. The new duties are likely to be implemented gradually.

## Garment Industries Struggling to Recover

[Due to a lack of orders, the garment industry in India is still struggling to get back to normal even three weeks after restarting.](#)

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## Apparel Exporters in India See Major Decline

[Textile and apparel exports saw a decline of 73% during April and May](#) compared with the same months last year, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

## AEPC Urges the Govt to Lift Ban on PPE Exports

[The Apparel Export Promotion Council \(AEPC\) has urged the Union government to lift the ban on export of personal protection equipment \(PPE\)](#) to capture majority of the USD 60 billion global market.

## SRI LANKA COVID-19 LATEST UPDATES

CONFIRMED CASES	1,951
CURED	1,526
DEATHS	11

Data as on 23 June, 12 pm IST

## Sri Lanka Slowly Getting Back to Normal

Sri Lanka reported no public transmission of COVID-19. While the public had to maintain strict health guidelines, [the country has resumed economic activities since May](#).

## Sri Lanka Revised its Industry Forecast

Sri Lanka's national clothing industry, the Joint Apparel Association Forum (JAAF), [has reduced its forecast by 30% for April 2020 – March 2021](#).

## Sri Lanka Expects Boost in Domestic Productions

[Sri Lanka President has asked domestic businesses to ramp up](#) production after his office put restrictions on imports and provided subsidised credit.